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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to a non-final Office Action mailed November 19th, 2002, the
time period for responding to which has been extended one (1) month to and including
Tuesday, January 21, 2003 by the accompanying Extension Petition, please make the
following amendments.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new Claims 8-15 as follows:

8. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the acrylonitrile
solution comprises from 0.0001 to 1% of at least one primary antioxidant selected from
the group consisting of alkyl-substituted hydroxybenzenes and hindered phenols